

his Majesty's engraver, was ordered to prepare a draft of the seal.⁸ About this same time Mr. Rollos was preparing seals for New Jersey,⁹ the Barbadoes, Jamaica and Virginia.

In 1730 the new seal for North Carolina was sent to Governor Burrington and the old seal ordered returned "to our Commissioners of Trade and Plantations to be laid before us as usual in order to its being defaced in like manner with other seals by us in our Privy Council."¹⁰

There seems to have been some delay in receiving the new seal, for at a council held at Edenton, March 30, 1731, it was "ordered that the old seal of the Colony be used till the new seal arrives."¹¹ The latter part of April the seal came, and "the messenger that went to Cape Fear to fetch the Publick Seal of this Province" was paid the sum of ten pounds for his journey.¹²

This seal was made by placing two cakes or layers of wax together, between which was the ribbon or tape with which the instrument was interlaced and by which the seal was appended. It was customary to put a piece of paper on the outside of these cakes before they were impressed. The seal complete was $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter and from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch thick and weighed about $5\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

In 1736 Governor Johnston imagined that the seal of the late Lords Proprietors "might yet remain in the Province and be privately affixed to blank patents which had been left subscribed with the names of the Proprietors' Council, but not sealed," so an inquiry was made of Governor Burrington and Mr. Skelton, Secretary of the late Lords Proprietors, to know what had been done with the old seal; whereupon Governor Burrington reported that he had transmitted the Proprietors' seal to the Duke of Newcastle, one of the King's Secretaries of State.¹³

In January, 1739/40, Governor Johnston was reproved for his failure to annex the Great Seal of the Province to Acts transmitted to Whitehall.¹⁴

At a council held at New Bern, December 14, 1767, Governor Tryon produced to the Board a new Great Seal for the Province

⁸C. R., Vol. III, p. 125.

⁹Zieber, *Heraldry in America*, p. 157.

¹⁰C. R., Vol. III, pp. 119, 120, 125, 133.

¹¹C. R., Vol. III, p. 215.

¹²C. R., Vol. III, p. 303.

¹³C. R., Vol. IV, pp. 201, 202, 213, 214.

¹⁴C. R., Vol. IV, pp. 420, 424.